

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 16, 2013
7:15 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 7:15PM

Flag Salute, Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this regular meeting in the annual schedule and notice of regular meetings of this Governing Body. Such annual schedule and notice of regular meetings is posted at Borough Hall, was sent to *The Record* and the *Ridgewood News*, posted on the Borough website and filed with the Borough of Dumont.

Roll Call:

Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor James Kelly-present

Motion to move resolution #91 for immediate action - Appointment of Joseph L. Faulborn, Jr. as Dumont Chief of Police: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution #91: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

The Oath of Office was administered to Chief Joseph L. Faulborn, Jr. by the Honorable Ronald Wigler.

Chief Faulborn acknowledged his family and friends, thanked the Council and said he is looking forward to working with the officers in his department.

Recess

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to Accept Agenda as presented moving Resolution #13-94 to the non-consent agenda: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Riquelme

All in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the March 26, 2013 Public and Closed Session meeting minutes: Councilman Riquelme

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes
Councilman Carrick-abstained

Motion to approve the April 2, 2013 Executive and Closed Session meeting minutes:

Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to approve the April 9, 2013 Special meeting minutes: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Administrator's Report

Mr. Perkins had given the Governing Body a Communication of Events packet having to do with notification of residents in cases of catastrophic events such as Hurricane Sandy. It will be discussed at the next work session.

Pre-Construction meetings for the West Shore project and the DPW generator were held.

The Governing Body authorized Mr. Perkins to meet with a representative from Demarest for preliminary discussion of shared services.

Tax collection for the first quarter was 98.5%, which was excellent.

Shredding program will be held May 4th from 8:30AM-12PM.

Council Committee Reports

- Councilman Brophy

Finance

The resolution to adopt the budget is on tonight's agenda. Approximately \$723,000 has been cut from the budget. Based on a \$307,000 average home the municipal tax will be \$66.32.

Shade Tree Commission

Arbor Day festivities will be held April 27th 1PM-4PM. There will be an artwork competition and a special guest. Early in May there will be groundbreaking for their new arboretum.

- Councilman Carrick

No report

- Councilman Hayes

The Ethics Board, meeting scheduled for this month, has been cancelled.

- Councilman Riquelme

No report

- Councilman Stylianou

No report

- Councilwoman Zamechansky

Board of Health

There is a position to be filled. Anyone interested should submit a resume.

Environmental Commission

May 11th they will be participating in the 28th Annual Hooked on the Hudson fishing event.

Ambulance Corps

Last night she, Councilman Riquelme and Councilman Brophy attended their quarterly meeting to go over their budget.

Fire Department

In March they had 19 alarms and 509 man hours.

Recreation

Some renovations were just completed at Columbia and Gina's fields with grant money

Summer camp signups will begin May 6th.

Dumont Day

Signups began yesterday.

Mayor's Report

No report

General Order of Business

2013 Municipal Budget Amendment Public Hearing

There were no comments or questions from council members.

Motion to open to the public on the Budget Amendment: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Review of Consent Agenda Items: All items with an asterisk are considered to be non-controversial by the Council and will be approved by one motion. There may be further discussion prior to the vote upon request of a member of the public or a council member. Also, any item may be removed for further discussion or for roll call vote in which case the item will be removed and considered in its normal sequence as part of the general order of business.

RESOLUTIONS

#13-92 Bills List *

#13-93 Approval of Budget Self-examination *

#13-95 Approval of Fink's Barbecue Request for Band Entertainment April 20, 2013 *

#13-96 Authorization of Execution of 2013 Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County
Department of Health Services-\$46,872.48 *

#13-97 Authorization of Execution of 2013 Shared Services Agreement with Bergen County
Department of Health Animal Control-prorated-\$15,475.83 *

#13-98 Authorization of Execution of 2013 Health Awareness Regional Program-\$23,299.00 *

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

1. Karen Sadock, 67 W. Shore Avenue, Library Trustee, thanked the Council for not completely cutting their budget and leaving them with only half the deficit to make up. The literacy level is dropping. The library was used as a warming and charging station during the storm.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Riquelme

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Hayes, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Non-consent Agenda

#13-94 Adoption of the 2013 Municipal Budget

Councilman Hayes stated he was on the finance committee and will be voting against the budget. He feels they are not cutting waste or things that should be combined. Dumont residents should get smaller government and less costly. Shared services should be looked into more as well as salaries, benefits and departments that he feels are not that necessary.

Councilman Carrick thanked everyone who worked so hard on the budget. He pointed out to Councilman Hayes that he's voting against the budget in which he himself is receiving health benefits from the town. That would be a good place to start if he's worried.

Councilman Hayes replied that he is on medical benefits, which has been a longtime practice for the Mayor and Council. He feels he is giving back to the town by cutting budgets, his votes, attending meetings and classes, using his computer at home. He added that Councilman Carrick never brought this issue up when members of his party accepted benefits.

Councilwoman Zamechansky took exception to the comment, stating that she gave up her insurance when there was a possibility that people could lose their jobs, which is costing her a great deal of money.

Councilman Stylianou commended finance chair Bill Brophy and the others who worked so hard on the budget. He stated that while everyone would have liked to have seen a rollback on taxes, he feels that \$5.00 per month is not outrageous.

Motion to open to the public on Resolution #94: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adopt Resolution #94: Councilman Brophy

Second: Councilman Carrick

Roll call vote: Council members Brophy, Carrick, Riquelme, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Councilman Hayes-no

Motion to open to the public for general comments: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilwoman Zamechansky

All in favor.

1. Michelle Douglas Smith, 164 Larch Avenue, complained about the condition of her street, lack of communication on the part of the contractor, cylinders left along the street and trees having been cut down in the back of her house-all as a result of the Phase II Flood Control project.
2. Ms. Egan, 161 Larch Avenue, complained that her driveway was damaged, pebbles on the street fly up and there is only partial curbing in front of her house. Larch Avenue is patched and looks terrible.

The Mayor responded that the engineer explained to him that there was an issue with United Water, which is delaying the project.

Mr. Perkins stated that there was a lack of communication on the part of the United Water and PSE&G for months. They were supposed to notify residents when there would be interruption of service, which did not always happen.

3. Kai Chen, 90 Teak Road, stated that he is heartened by discussion of discontinuation of benefits for the Governing Body. He hopes the Ordinance and Resolution committee would strongly consider barring benefits to elected officials and part-time employees.
4. Barbara Correa, 240 Larch Avenue, agrees with Mr. Chen regarding benefits. She responded to Councilman Hayes' statement as to why he feels he should be given medical benefits paid for by the Borough. She is a member of the Dumont Board of Education and those members do not reap any benefits. Volunteers should not be paid benefits.

Motion to close: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Brophy

All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk